

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB 327

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Delegate Yancey

**3. Committee:** Education

**4. Title:** Require civics course completion

**5. Summary:** This bill requires that undergraduate students at each of Virginia's public institutions of higher education successfully complete at least one civics course in order to graduate.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Indeterminate (see Section 8)

**8. Fiscal Implications:** As currently proposed, this legislation could result in public institutions of higher education, both two-year and four-year, being required to offer more sections of civics courses than they are currently staffed to provide. This situation could be more acute at the larger universities that have undergraduate students also attending professional schools – business, engineering, architecture, nursing, etc. – as well as the arts and sciences. To address any additional faculty costs by adding civic classes, funding would need to be provided by the general fund, through additional tuition and fees, or redirection of institutional funds from other educational programs. Such costs are indeterminate.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia's public institutions of higher education

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.

**Date:** 01/12/18

c: Secretary of Education